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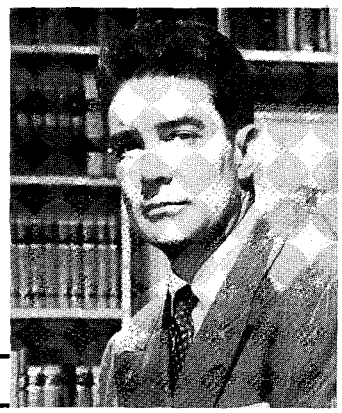

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BERLIN AND CUBA

Escalation

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In 1951, while residing in Hong Kong, he wrote Brainwashing in Red China: The Calculated Destruction of Men's Minds, *presenting material gathered at first hand during 1950 and 1951, in the Far East and in Southeast Asia. This book, adding a grim word to the English language, revealed, for the first time, the terrifying methods by which communists extort voluntary "confessions" of guilt from innocent people, and put a whole nation under hypnotic control.*

Use of language is part of the brainwashing technique. Innumerable words — like peace, war, co-existence — *are code expressions, meaning one thing to uninformed victims of communist propaganda, meaning the opposite to initiates in communist semantics.*

Anti-anti-communist liberals in control of the American government seem to have borrowed this communist technique of using certain words which have a special meaning to the controlling elite: which, indeed, become a means of secret communication.

When, for example, Adlai Stevenson says it is possible to conduct "the dialogue of reason" with Khrushchev, he conveys to the general public the notion that he believes our differences with Khrushchev can be successfully negotiated. What he apparently means to his cohorts in charge of our foreign policy is that there are no differences between Khrushchev's aims and our own and that we should, therefore, as Rostow recommends, help the communists realize their objectives.

"Escalation," a word currently conspicuous in State Department jargon, has only vague meaning to the public; but Edward Hunter perceives that it is a code word, with very precise meaning

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to the planners of American foreign policy. In a recent article, prepared for the Milwaukee Reporter, *Edward Hunter discusses State Department "Escalation" with regard to Berlin and Cuba. The article (slightly abbreviated) is reprinted, below, with permission of the author.*

In Washington these days one hears a great deal of the word "escalation," but never the word "honor."

"Escalation" was the reason Americans had to stand by and watch with folded hands as a young man bled to death a hundred feet from them at the Berlin Wall of Shame, although we had every right to go in and stem his bleeding under wartime agreement.

Imagine anyone telling an American, only a few years back, that we would stand by idly, witnessing a man die needlessly because he wanted to be free!

This did not happen as an isolated incident. It was policy! We did not raise our hands to help, because this is what "escalation" means, enforced by those in position to manipulate power in the nation's capital.

Twenty-three heroic young Cubans, aged 19 to 23, took a couple of small boats and proceeded into Havana harbor to shoot up the hotel where the reds from Soviet Russia and other communist bloc countries are plotting the destruction of the United States.

The prospect of their getting out alive was slim; but they showed what courage can do. They fired their shots and got away safely, back to U.S. soil.

Here was a propaganda warfare victory (if one wishes to consider it from this viewpoint) that C.I.A. and the U.S.I.A. "sophisticates" don't equal in a year. This is operational propaganda; it is psychological warfare that exposes the enemy and humiliates him. Such tactics are basic in the war for the mind.

Hitherto, the communists have had a monopoly in this field.

The heroism of these Cuban lads should have been headlined throughout the world.

Only by such heroism, multiplied a million and a billion times around the world, will the captive nations and the enslaved peoples be freed. Certainly the type of mind in the Pentagon (as exposed by the Senate 'gagging hearings') cannot restore freedom!

What was our official immediate reaction to the heroism of the young Cubans? The same reaction that removed promised air cover from the attack at Bay of Pigs, and in this manner betrayed it into defeat.

We seized the two boats from the boys and threatened to invoke the provisions of the Neutrality Act! The provision in question deals with countries with which we are not at war; but Fidel Castro and his red cohorts have made no secret of the fact that they are operating as if at war with the United States.

"A spur of the moment raid such as this does not weaken the Communist apparatus," the State Department flunkey declared. Bunkum! Exploits perpetrated daringly by citizens and other people expose the vulnerability and weakness of the hated oppressor. Incalculable encouragement is given to our friends on the other side of the curtain in this way.

This is a squeeze-play that our Fabian super-sophisticates in Washington are perpetrating against the forces of freedom everywhere. When a revolt is won, as was the case in Hungary, and when the enemy had withdrawn, and knew that any show of support from the West would at once ignite a crippling conflagration all across the satellite lands, we still didn't do anything. The dice are loaded, heads our side loses, tails the enemy wins. Those operators can always find a cautious reason for us to abstain from any good anti-red project.

Revolts break out when bellies begin to get empty. When one waits too long, the famished have become too weak. The opportunity knocked about a year ago on the mainland

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of China. What did we do? We opposed "any use of force" in the Taiwan Strait. This meant that we were not allowing Free China to come to the help of its people on the mainland. But we provided the mechanism so ships could deliver grains in the biggest sales in the history of the world on behalf of the communists of China.

This grain went to the Chinese red army and the red Chinese secret police, not to the hungry people. Part of the wheat was shipped directly to Eastern Europe, under agreement between Khrushchev and Mao Tse-tung. The former did not want to lose face by disclosing the critical food situation in the European satellites.

Our anti-anti-communist "prestige press" hushed this up, for it conflicted with the propaganda being put over on the American public that if we just sat back and waited for some more dust to settle, red China and red Russia would fight each other and we'd all be happy.

This is all part of a pattern of paralysis for anything that hurts the reds, part of the formula for failure that somehow succeeds in killing every important project that can hurt the communist enemy.

Where does "escalation" enter this picture? This word, with a specific meaning in our international affairs, is understood like a secret handshake in a fraternity, among those who are implementing policy in Washington.

"Escalation" is why we stood by wringing our hands when the East Germans started building the Wall, whereas as is now known, their orders were to stop if we showed any serious resistance.

"Escalation," if continued, will complete our softening-up, until we "bury ourselves," as Khrushchev predicts.

And Khrushchev has his agents in Washington to keep him informed of our progress. (Can anyone seriously believe that the only reds in government are those who reveal themselves, as did those two young men in our topmost coding office, when they casually took off on a "honeymoon" to Soviet Russia?)

Here is what "escalation" means:

If an American officer happens to sit in a restaurant in Berlin, and a communist comes over and spits in his wife's face, he is supposed to get up quietly, take out his handkerchief, wipe the sputum off, then go away. Under no circumstances must he take a punch at the red.

Why not? Simple, according to the addled version of sophistication in those Washington heads! Say he takes a poke at the red. Another red will come over and join the fight. Another American will jump up to help his countryman. There will be a skirmish. Troops will begin to slug it out.

Somebody will shoot. Soon regiments will be embroiled. Then this will be an "incident." The opposing forces in the area will clash. This will shortly *escalate* — each step in this scare story is what is called *escalation* in Washington — and before we know it, we'll have a local war on our hands, as in Korea, and then it will *escalate* into a nuclear war.

So, in every phase of the relationship between the United States and the communist enemy, we have to let them spit in our faces.

Or we must accede to some face-saving maneuver which will grant the red demands, as in Laos, in the Congo, and in Indonesia.

Or we must play a double game with a double standard to it, hushing up when India commits aggression and seizes Goa, with its Christian population, and taking refuge in the Neutrality Act when an heroic exploit for our side is put over in Cuba by young men of the type we will have to depend upon to save us one of these days.

The "escalation" concept is part of the "no-win policy" and it is dishonorable.

Ask the generals who led our troops in Korea. They were given all they could stomach of it. Victory was not permitted.

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Since then, the more sophisticated expression, "escalation," has been devised by the boys in the back room — the lower echelons in State Department — who have now been spread over into the civilian channels of the Defense Department, and into the executive offices in the White House.

"Escalation" and the continuing softening-up of Americans will continue until we elect strong men to Congress, who will stand up for the American Constitution — men who will demand a return to plain English, and plain honor.

Now we stand by and watch a freedom-lover bleed to death, and we penalize those who take a poke at the reds.

We gave Asia the lesson the reds wanted us to give when our side failed to exploit the famine on the mainland of China, but instead rounded up those who had fled into Hong Kong, and sent them back.

Why did the reds let that young man lie bleeding to death for nearly an hour? What better example could be given to the world, and in what more graphic manner, of what happens to those who have faith in the United States, or in freedom?

Where will this "escalation" lead us next time, and on what awful scale?

We, the people, can put a stop to this "no-win," defeatist mentality on which the Moscow-Peiping axis depends.

We can win — if we will.

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Escalation in Berlin

In 1948-1949, the Soviets (to draw attention away from Asia where the communists were taking over China) blockaded all roads, railways, and canals leading from the western zones of Germany into Berlin.

Harry Truman has been much praised for breaking that blockade with a fantastically expensive airlift which, for many weeks, supplied the great city of Berlin with all the necessities of living (including coal for fuel).

But the airlift was wrong. That was the time for us to decide whether to stay in or get out of Berlin. If our decision was to stay in (as, at that time, it should have been), we should have established a fully-adequate *land corridor* to Berlin by the use of military force, if necessary.

There can be no doubt in the mind of any well-informed person (and could not have been any real doubt in 1948) that the Soviets would have given way without armed resistance, because we had both right and might on our side. Our international prestige and our military strength were so infinitely superior in 1948 that the Soviets could have done nothing but agree to whatever reasonable land corridors we demanded.

Truman's airlift to Berlin proved nothing except that the American government was willing to spend any amount of American tax money in order to avoid a showdown with the Kremlin.

After the Soviet blockade of Berlin had achieved the Soviet purpose — of drawing attention away from Asia; of making further heavy drains on the economic resources of America; and of showing the world that the American government was afraid of a head-on clash with the Soviets even when the whole world knew that America was in the right — the Kremlin lifted the Berlin blockade.

The great internationalist propaganda machine in the United States went into full thunder, proclaiming our "magnificent victory."

At the time, however, we were engaging in official action which reaffirmed our policy of retreat and appeasement. In June, 1949, the United States participated with the U.S.S.R. and England and France in a conference of

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foreign ministers, reaffirming the old agreement about a four-power occupation of Berlin, but again avoiding saying anything about access routes for the west to get into Berlin.

Why? Was Truman afraid of "escalating" the Berlin problem into something more serious?

On August 13, 1961, when the East Germans completed the wall which cut Berlin in two (in violation of formal agreements between the Soviet and Western occupying powers), President Kennedy decided against the use of force to knock the wall down.

Afraid of "escalating" the situation!

What to Do in Berlin

We have been escalated to the point where there is only one course of honor and safety left for us in Berlin.

The Germans are an extremely able and prosperous people. They are capable of fighting their own war, if war is necessary, to protect themselves from communism. Defending Berlin should be a job for Germans, not for Americans.

It is inaccurate to refer to the eastern part of Germany as "communist Germany." That part of Germany is under communist enslavement; but the Germans who live there probably hate communists more than any other people on earth do.

The uprisings of 1953 and the endless stream of refugees fleeing from the communist zone in Germany are proof enough that the communists could not hold East Germany without the presence of Soviet troops.

There is enough hunger and poverty and hatred of communism in eastern Germany to justify the conclusion that even Khrushchev knows he has a bear by the tail there. If we would do our part, Khrushchev would either turn loose and run; or the bear would pull loose and destroy Khrushchev.

What part should we play? We should do exactly what the President and the State Department assure the world they will not do: we should present the Soviets with a *fait accompli,* and an ultimatum.

We should call an immediate conference with the governments of France, England, and West Germany to explain that America has devoted 17 years and billions of dollars to rehabilitating and defending western Europe; that Europe is now in many ways more soundly prosperous than we are; that the 180 million Americans can no longer be expected to ruin their own economy and neglect the defense of their own homeland for the purpose of assisting and defending the 225 million people of western Europe; and that, therefore, we are through.

We have no need, at home, for all the vast stores of military equipment which we now have in Europe for the defense of Europe. What we do not need at home, we should offer as a gift to West Germany, since we produced the material in the first place for the purpose of resisting communism, and since the West Germans appear to be the only people in Western Europe who feel they are in danger from communism and really want to resist it.

We should give the West Germans (and the other western powers) six months to train whatever manpower they want for their own defenses. At the end of that time, we should pull out and devote ourselves to defending America.

With or without the consent of France and England, we should sign a peace treaty with the government of Western Germany, recognizing it as the lawful government of all Germany and imposing no restrictions on the sovereignty of Germany — that is, leaving Germany free to arm as it pleases.

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Immediately following the signing of this treaty, we should announce to the world that:

When we pull out of Europe at the end of six months, we expect the Soviets to pull out of Germany entirely.

Within one week after we have effected our withdrawal, if the Soviets are not out — or if they later come back in, against the wishes of the German nation—we will instantly break off diplomatic relations with all communist countries; deny all representatives of all communist nations access to United Nations headquarters on American soil; and exert maximum pressures throughout the world to isolate all communist countries, economically and diplomatically, from all non-communist countries.

Escalation in Cuba

In the summer of 1958, a small band of alien communist hoodlums, under the leadership of Fidel Castro, were ravaging the countryside of South Oriente Province, Cuba, conducting open warfare against the established government of Cuba, which was friendly toward the United States.

For reasons never explained, the communists kidnapped 29 American sailors and held them as hostages for almost six weeks.

Here was not only ample provocation but a perfect occasion for America to act in her own national interest—and do it within the framework of international custom, without risk of being accused (except by communists) of yankee imperialism.

The American sailors whom Castro kidnapped were under protection of treaty agreements between the United States and the official government of Cuba. Instead of pleading with the outlaw Castro, we should have made formal demands upon the Batista government that it immediately effect the safe release of our sailors and give proper apologies and indemnities for violation of their rights and abuse of their persons on Cuban soil.

The Cuban government would have been obliged to express regrets that it could not guarantee its treaty obligations to us, and would have asked us to act, in friendship to the people of Cuba and in the interest of the United States, to give aid in protecting the lives and property of Americans, since the government of Cuba could no longer provide such protection.

Then, we should have sent a detachment of United States Marines into the Cuban hills to drag those beatnik Castro punks out by their beards and turn them over to the lawful government of Cuba with formal demands that they be prosecuted under Cuban law for violating the rights of American military personnel.

What did we do when Castro kidnapped our sailors? Our State Department made a few shameful attempts to persuade Castro to release our men. But we never even scolded Castro. Indeed, we used his outrage as a pretext for refusing delivery to Batista of 15 pilot-trainer planes which Batista desperately needed, which he had already ordered and paid for, which were available and ready for shipment, and which we had already promised to deliver. Delivering the planes to Batista might enrage Castro to the point of harming our sailors!

Eisenhower was afraid of "escalating" the incident into a more serious affair!

Many months later, after communist conquest was complete, the Eisenhower Administration began plans for an invasion of Cuba by Cuban exiles and refugees. The Cubans were trained and equipped by Americans.

On April 15, 1961, the invasion plans went into operation. On that day (a Saturday), a surprise attack by B-26 bombers, belonging to the Cuban refugees, did great damage to Castro's air force.

A second air-strike was scheduled for Monday morning, April 17, to support a landing

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party of about 1300 Cuban patriots. The planes (with trained Cuban pilots) were in readiness on an airfield 500 miles from the Bay of Pigs, on the southwestern shore of Cuba, where the landing was planned.

At dawn on Monday, April 17, 1961, the little army of invaders, carried in an assortment of eight boats, slipped into the Bay of Pigs and went ashore. They met, and severely punished, a force of Castro soldiers. Castro rushed tanks to repel the invasion. The invaders had expected this. The tanks would be easy targets for the air strike, which was well-planned and due any minute. Confidently, the little band of Cuban patriots waited, but their air support never came.

Two United States carriers, their decks loaded with fighting planes, and their crews ready, were standing by not far away. Not a plane was dispatched to help the Cuban invaders. Betrayed and left stranded on the beaches without the air support that had been prepared and committed to their operation, the Cuban invaders were cut to pieces by Castro's armor. Those not immediately murdered were captured, to be paraded ignominiously through Havana and later disposed of.

President Kennedy knew all about the planned invasion and had sanctioned it, on Sunday, April 16. But at the last moment (on Monday, April 17, after the invading party had gone ashore at the Bay of Pigs) Kennedy not only prohibited American air support, but also prohibited the planned support from the little force of bombers belonging to Cuban patriots and manned by Cuban crews.[1]

Why? Kennedy was afraid of "escalating" the affair into something more serious!

On Sunday, September 9, 1962, Senator Kenneth B. Keating (Republican, New York) in a recorded broadcast, warned that the Kennedy Administration may be planning a deal (which Keating called a "betrayal") with Khrushchev concerning Berlin and Cuba: Kennedy promising certain behavior with regard to Cuba for Khrushchev's promise of certain behavior with regard to Berlin.[2]

Such a deal is extremely probable.

On September 10, 1962, Walter Trohan, in a column distributed by the *Chicago Tribune* Press service, related facts and circumstances to substantiate a prediction that the United States may abandon our great naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. This is something which I have been predicting in this *Report* for years.

One real possibility is continued appeasement and inaction on our part until the summer of 1964 — and then, a noisy (if not actual) Kennedy show of firmness and aggression with regard to Cuba, as a means of winning "war-time" public support which would re-elect Kennedy and his crowd.

What to Do in Cuba

The American State Department helped communist Castro conquer Cuba during the Eisenhower Administration. The Kennedy Administration has helped Castro do great damage to the Cuban resistance movement both inside and outside of Cuba, and has watched placidly while the Soviets and Chinese communists effected a dangerous military buildup there, installing missiles which can strike at the heartland of the United States.

We have, thus, passed the time for safe and easy action to protect ourselves. We have only one course of action left: to destroy communist power in Cuba by force of arms.

I doubt the wisdom or efficacy of arming and training Cuban exiles for another attempt to invade Cuba. The best soldiers in the world are *American* soldiers, and we should act in Cuba without any pretense of doing anything except to protect the vital interests of the United States.

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Kennedy's current request for authority to call up 150,000 reservists is a political maneuver, a dishonest and wasteful hoax, just like his call-up of reservists because of Berlin in 1961.

We should concentrate the best equipment and best-trained divisions of United States military forces, from all over the world, for a sudden and massive air-sea-and-land assault on the communist forces in Cuba. After the concentration is fully effected and all plans completed, we should (as U. S. Representative Bruce Alger suggests)[3] give Castro an ultimatum, demanding immediate reimbursement to the United States government and to United States citizens for the 1 billion, 500 million dollars worth of American property which he has confiscated, and demanding the immediate expulsion from Cuba of all Chinese and Soviet military forces, which are there in violation of our Monroe Doctrine and which pose a grave and immediate threat to the security of our nation.

We should not enter any negotiations with Castro or anyone else about the terms of our ultimatum: we should issue it, and then, within 72 hours, move with overwhelming military power to enforce it.

A half-hearted attack on Cuba would prolong the fighting and bloodshed, and could even fail. An all-out, MacArthur-type invasion with the best American forces and equipment would do the job quickly, with a minimum loss of lives.

As soon as we gained control in Cuba, we should expel all Soviet and Chinese military and civilian personnel.

Castro and all officials of his government should be held in custody, for eventual handling by legally constituted Cuban courts.

All Cuban exiles should be repatriated; and American occupation forces should hold Cuba, as beneficently as possible, while order was being restored and until the Cubans by secret ballot in a free, nationwide election (supervised by Americans) elected their own officials and established a legitimate government.

This would solve the Cuban problem. It would also restore United States prestige and leadership throughout the world — especially in Latin America.

FOOTNOTES

(1) *U. S. News & World Report*, September 17, 1962, p. 41
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(3) *Dallas Morning News*, September 8, 1962

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In 1941, he joined the faculty at Harvard as a Teaching Fellow in English, doing graduate work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the field of American Civilization.

In 1942, he took leave of absence from Harvard in order to join the FBI. At the close of the war, he stayed in the FBI, rather than return to Harvard.

He worked as an FBI Agent in all parts of the nation, handling all kinds of assignments. But for three and a half years, he worked exclusively on communist investigations in the industrial midwest. For two years following that, he was on FBI headquarters staff in Washington, as an Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover.

After nine and a half years in the FBI, Smoot resigned to help start the Facts Forum movement in Dallas. As the radio and television commentator for Facts Forum, Smoot, for almost four years spoke to a national audience giving both sides of great controversial issues.

In July, 1955, he resigned and started his own independent program, in order to give only one side — the side that uses fundamental American principles as a yardstick for measuring all important issues.

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